Menace of beggars in Delhi

46. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENTS pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Beggars, thieves crowed city subway" which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi dated 18th June 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether begging in Delhi has become a nuisance and is thriving round for miscreants and beggars using subways, intersections and other prominent sports for the purpose of begging; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have planned to curb this nuisance permanently by imposing leavy penalties on beggars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHR SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Government is aware that beggars throng places like intersections and other prominent places for begging. The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 has been extended to NCT of Delhi. The Delhi Police has been authorised apprehending beggars at public places. The Act provides for detention ofa beggar who is convicted for the first time for not less than 2 years and not more than 3 years. For second and subsequent convictions, the Special Court, constituted under the Act for this purpose, can order detention upto a period of 10 years.

Utilization of funds for Tribal Development in Andhra Pradesh

47. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by his Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years for implementation of various schemes for welfare and development of tribals in the State; year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the released funds were utilized by the State for the purpose intended and the benefits reached the target groups;

(c) whether misuse of funds has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) A statement showing the funds released to the Andhra Pradesh and the Government unspent balance with them is enclosed *(see* below).

(c) and (d) No such case has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

Statement

Funds Released and Unspent Balance During the Years 1999-2000 to 2001-02

(Rs. in lakh)

SL No.	Scheme	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Funds released	Unspent Balance	Funds released	Unspent Balance	Funds released	Unspent Balance
1	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan	2,182.94	—	2,182.94	—	2,732.80	1,277.43
2	Grant Under Article 275(1) on the Constitution	613.86	334.98	460.50	335.50	2,715.35	2,715.35
3	Girls Hostel	178.88	89.76	—	—	232.52	232.52
4	Boys Hostel	87.30	83.30	—	—	—	—
5	Educational Complex	120.70	—	46.02	—	245.29	—
6	Vocational Training Centre (State Govt.)	47.25	—	—	—	145.16	145.16
7	VTC(NGO)	10.81	—	9.63	—	52.60	—
8	Ashram Schools	225.86	89.58	—	—	262.50	262.50
9	Res. & Trg. (TRIs)	3.75	—	0.44	0.44	2.27	2.27
10	Grant-in-aid to State TDCCs	300.00	—	150.00	—	520.00	520.00
11	Grain Bank	—	—	11.66	11.66	—	—
12	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	217.33	*37.73	100.00	*10	268.45	268.45
13	State Tribal Development Finance Corporations	—	—	96.00	96.00	—	—
14	Post Matric Scholarship	963.02	597.62	1,577.74	1,577.74	1,915.10	1,915.10
15.	Grant to NGOs	162.22		291.59	—	315.59	—
16.	Book Bank	—	—	—	—	30.29	30.29
TOTAL		5,113.92	1,195.24	4,926.52	2,021.34	9,437.92	7,369.07

* Unspent amount adjusted in the year 2001-02 and releases made to Government of Andhra Pradesh under PTGs Scheme.